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16. The mobile communication device of claim 10, wherein the processor:

acquires force data as the touch input is entered through the touch screen, the force data indicating an amount of force applied by one or more fingertips of the user against the touch screen as the touch input was entered;

analyzes the fingerprint data in combination with the timing data and the force data to determine if the touch input was entered with a particular sequence of fingers, with a particular timing sequence, and with a particular amount of force, all of which the user has predetermined to indicate a command to be executed by the electronic device; and

if a predetermined command is indicated by the fingerprint data, the timing data, and the force data, executes the command.

17. The mobile communication device of claim 16, wherein the predetermined command indicated by the fingerprint data, the timing data, and the force data is a panic command.

18. The mobile communication device of claim 10, wherein the command indicated by the particular sequence of fingers is a macro command that includes a series of commands that when executed together execute the macro command

19. A method of executing a command in an electronic device, comprising:

receiving touch input through a touch screen component of an electronic device; 14

acquiring fingerprint data from one or more fingertips of the user that are used to enter the touch input through the touch screen;

acquiring force data as the touch input is entered through the touch screen, the force data indicating an amount of force applied by one or more fingertips of the user against the touch screen as the touch input was entered;

analyzing the fingerprint data in combination with the force data to determine if the touch input was entered with a particular sequence of fingers and with a particular amount of force, both of which the user has predetermined to indicate a command to be executed by the electronic device; and

if a predetermined command is indicated by the fingerprint data and the force data, executing the command, wherein the touch input comprises a sequence of individual touch inputs separated apart in time, the method further comprising: acquiring timing data as the touch input is entered through the touch screen, the timing data comprising time intervals between the individual touches; analyzing the fingerprint data in combination with the timing data to determine if the touch input was entered with a particular finger or sequence of fingers and with a particular timing sequence that the user has predetermined to indicate a command to be executed by the electronic device; and if a predetermined command is indicated by the fingerprint data and the timing data, executing the command.

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